

## Songwriting Resources

### Books

- Campbell, P. S. & Scott-Kassner, C. (1995). *Music in childhood*. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth Group. Comprehensive text on teaching music to children; includes music for exceptional children and integrated curriculum.
- Page, N. (1995). *Music as a way of knowing*. York, ME: Stenhouse Publishers. Great resource on using music in the classroom, writing raps, and teaching songs. Includes excellent bibliography.
- Pattison, P. (1995). *Writing better lyrics*. Cincinnati: Writer's Digest Books. A comprehensive look at lyric writing with lots of thoughts on rhyme.
- Perricone, J. (2000). *Melody in songwriting: Tools and techniques for writing hit songs*. Milwaukee, WI: Hal Leonard Publishing. Good resource for learning to write melodies.
- Ricigliano, D. (1978). *Melody and harmony in contemporary songwriting*. New York: Donato Publishing Co. Good resource for writing music including music theory for songwriters.
- Rico, G. L. (1983). *Writing the natural way*. Los Angeles: J.P. Tarcher, Inc. An in-depth look at clustering to formulate ideas and connections.
- Zollo, P. (1993). *Beginning songwriter's answer book*. Cincinnati: Writer's Digest Books. Answers many questions about songwriting in general.

### Software

- MasterWriter. Includes multiple dictionaries (rhyming, phrase, thesaurus, etc.), built-in hard disk recorder, drum loops and more in this comprehensive songwriting package. As this is an expensive program, try the 30-day demo first. Paul Reisler has requested a substantial discount for his students (enter code 3000 when ordering for the discount). Available at [www.masterwriter.com](http://www.masterwriter.com).
- Rhyme Wizard. Largest and most comprehensive rhyming dictionary software. Available at [www.rhymewizard.com](http://www.rhymewizard.com).

## Websites

<http://angelfire.com/nb2/musicedresources>  
Extensive teacher-compiled resource library with music education links

[http://artsedge.kennedycenter.org/professional\\_resources/standards/nat\\_standards\\_main.html](http://artsedge.kennedycenter.org/professional_resources/standards/nat_standards_main.html)  
National Standards for Arts Education

<http://faculty.washington.edu/chudler/music.html>  
Interactive site for children to learn musical concepts and create music

Children's Music Portal  
[http://www.childrens-music.org/childrens-music/articles/lewis\\_1.htm](http://www.childrens-music.org/childrens-music/articles/lewis_1.htm)  
resources for educators, parents and artists

<http://www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/Instruction/Music/musicl.html#music>  
Virginia Music Standards of Learning

<http://www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/Superintendent/Sols/home.shtml>  
Virginia English Standards of Learning

<http://www.rhymezone.com>. On-line rhyming dictionary.

<http://www.wpe.com/~musici>  
Home page for "Musicians United for Songs In the Classroom," a brainchild of middle school social studies teacher John Chase with vast collection of music and education-related links

### RESOURCES FOR KIDS:

[http://www.musesmuse.com/muselinks/Music\\_For\\_Kids/](http://www.musesmuse.com/muselinks/Music_For_Kids/)

Sing My Song: A Kid's Guide to Songwriting – by Steve Seskin